## AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 19, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

### ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 151

# Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen (Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Chávez, Donnelly, Gorell, and Wieckowski)

(Coauthors: Senators Cannella and Fuller)

January 18, 2013

An act to add Section 17951.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to local government fees. An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 935) to Chapter 5 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 151, as amended, Olsen. Local government: fee waiver: disabled veterans: assistance.

Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of any county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to indigent veterans, as provided. Existing law requires that the assistance, relief, and support be administered through and by any military, naval, or marine organization created for the purpose of aiding, relieving, and supporting such veterans, as specified.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to a disabled veteran, as defined.

The State Housing Law authorizes cities and counties to prescribe fees for permits required or authorized pursuant to the State Housing Law.

This bill would authorize the governing board of any city or county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to disabled veterans, as

AB 151 -2-

defined, by waiving service-related fees charged by the city or county, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 935) is 2 added to Chapter 5 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans 3 Code, to read:

4 5

### Article 1.5. Disabled Veterans

6 7

9 10

11

12

13

14

15 16

17

18

19

20

21

- 935. (a) The governing board of any county may grant financial assistance, relief, and support to a disabled veteran, as defined in Section 999.
- SECTION 1. Section 17951.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
- 17951.5. (a) The governing board of any city or county may grant financial assistance, relief, and support to disabled veterans by reducing or waiving building inspection or permit fees charged by the city or county for the modification of a dwelling owned by a disabled veteran for the purpose of making the dwelling more accessible.
- (b) The governing body shall use its general fund or other appropriate revenue source to compensate for the difference between a fee reduced or waived pursuant to this section and the fee that would otherwise be charged.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" has the same
  meaning as defined in Section 999 of the Military and Veterans
  Code.